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Applicant: BLACKWOOD, *et al.*  
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For: Fire and stain resistant compositions

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated 10/30/2008 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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